



STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
POLICY DIRECTIVE

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I. POLICY

The Department of Corrections will ensure that Mental Health Staff provide behavioral consultation when such services are needed

II. APPLICABILITY

All secure care facilities Department-owned and contracted.

III. DEFINITIONS

Mental Health Staff – Include Qualified Mental Health Providers (QMHP) as well as Qualified Health Care Professionals who have received instruction and supervision in identifying and interacting with individuals in need of mental health services.

IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES

A. General Requirements

1. On request, mental health staff will consult with custody staff on offender mental health needs.
2. Mental health staff may provide consultation at disciplinary proceedings.
3. When on-site mental health staff are not able to provide consultation, facilities will have procedures in place for accessing facility resources or community specialty resources or services.

V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Clinical Services Division Administrator.

VI. REFERENCES

- A. *MH-G-06; National Commission on Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities, 2015*

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None